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SUBJECT: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE APPROVED PROPOSAL FOR  
EDUCATION MINISTERIAL

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SUMMARY - ON MARCH 10 THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE APPROVED PROPOSED EDUCATION COMMITTEE MINISTERIAL MEETING IN OCTOBER. MANY REPS WANTED TO SHORTEN MEETING TO TWO DAYS FROM SECRETARIAT PROPOSAL OF TWO AND A HALF. ISSUE WILL NOW GO TO THE COUNCIL ON MARCH 21. END SUMMARY.

1. ALL DELS AGREED MINISTERIAL WAS IMPORTANT AND SHOULD BE HELD. SOME DISCUSSION WAS STIMULATED BY SECRETARIAT (GASS) OBSERVATION THAT EDUCATION COMMITTEE HAD NEVER MET AT MINISTERIAL LEVEL. NUMBER OF DELS (INCLUDING U.S.) REJECTED IDEA THAT THIS WAS A VALID CONSIDERATION, SAYING THAT MINISTERS SHOULD BE ASKED TO

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MEETINGS ONLY WHEN APPROPRIATE PROBLEMS AND ISSUES WERE TO BE ADDRESSED. ON SUBJECT MATTER OF CONFERENCE, SOME DELS FOUND TOO VAGUE AND PHILOSOPHICAL THE PROPOSED AGENDA ITEM ON EDUCATIONAL POLICIES IN CONTEXT OF SOCIAL/ ECONOMIC TRENDS; THESE DELS PREFERRED THE OTHER THEME ON EDUCATION AND WORK. HOWEVER, CANADA AND FRG EXPRESSED GREAT INTEREST IN FIRST THEME IN VIEW OF THE

ENORMOUS AMOUNT OF MONEY SPENT ON EDUCATION.

2. DATES

SINCE MANY DELS THOUGHT DURATION OF TWO DAYS WOULD PROVIDE BETTER MEETING THAN TWO AND A HALF DAYS, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AGREED TO RECOMMEND DATES OF OCTOBER 19 AND 20 TO COUNCIL. (REFERENCES TO OCTOBER 18 AND TO "MORNING OF OCTOBER 20" WILL BE RETAINED IN BRACKETS IN PROPOSED COUNCIL NOTE, MAKING CLEAR THAT OPTION REMAINS TO KEEP FORMULATION PROPOSED BY SECRETARIAT). OCTOBER 19 AND 20 WERE PREFERRED TO OCTOBER 18 AND 19 BASED ON SECRETARIAT POINT THAT SOME MINISTERS MIGHT WISH TO STAY OVER IN PARIS FOR OPENING CEREMONIES OF UNESCO GENERAL ASSEMBLY (OCTOBER 24).

ACTION REQUESTED: WE WILL NEED GUIDANCE ON DATES QUESTION FOR COUNCIL DISCUSSION ON MARCH 21.

3. CONSULTATIONS WITH NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS - SECRETARIAT, IN INTRODUCING ISSUE, AND A NUMBER OF DELS SAID ISSUE WAS DELICATE POLITICALLY. JAPAN (AND FRG) WANTED CONSULTATIONS LIMITED TO BIAC AND TUAC, AS HAD BEEN CASE DURING THE HIGH LEVEL CONFERENCE ON YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT. U.S. DEL SAID IN VIEW POLITICAL DELICACY OF PROBLEM AND IN INTERESTS OF ORDERLY PROCEDURE, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND COUNCIL SHOULD NOT ACT ON ISSUE  
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UNTIL THEY HAD BENEFIT OF VIEWS OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE IN MAY. THIS VIEWPOINT SEEMED TO RECEIVE GENERAL ACCEPTANCE.

4. MINISTERIAL ORGANIZATION

U.S. DEL SUPPORTED DANISH SUGGESTION THAT EFFORT BE MADE TO MINIMIZE LONG GENERAL PRESENTATIONS. U.S. DEL NOTED THAT YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT CONFERENCE HAD VERY SUCCESSFULLY USED FORMAT ENCOURAGING SHORT STATEMENTS AND CROSS-TABLE EXCHANGES, AND THAT SUCH A PROCEDURE ENHANCED THE VALUE OF THE MEETING FOR MINISTERIAL PARTICIPANTS. HE URGED THAT THIS EXAMPLE BE FOLLOWED FOR THE EDUCATION MEETING. GASS SAID SECRETARIAT VERY MUCH INTENDED TO TRY TO DO THIS.  
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